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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: TOUR D'HORIZON WITH TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR

1. DURING CALL ON TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA, HE INFORMED ME THAT FELISBURTO LUKANGA WAS IN DAR ES SALAAM ACTING INFORMALLY AS MOZAMBIQUE'S AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT MIGHT BE BEFORE LUKANGA'S APPOINTMENT WAS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED, SINCE GPRM WAS NOT YET READY TO APPOINT AMBASSADORS ABROAD.

2. KATIKAZA ALLUDED TO THE RECENT GOVERNMENT SHAKE-UP AND
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REFORM MEASURES IN ZAMBIA WHERE HE HAD SERVED UNTIL RECENTLY

AS TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER. SINCE HE GAVE ME THE OPENING, I ASKED FOR HIS EXPLANATION OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD LONG INTENDED TO PUT TEETH INTO HIS PHILOSOPHY OF "HUMANISM" AND THAT HIS STRENGTHENED POSITON OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, FRUSTRATION WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS PLUS PRESSURE OF WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS INDUCED KAUNDA TO TAKE VIGOROUS MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT HIS LONG-HELD VIEWS. I REMARKED THAT FROM MY RATHER PROVINCIAL OPTIC, SERVING IN LOURENCO MARQUES, IT SEEMED TO ME THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES MIGHT BE TO BRING ZAMBIA'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND STRUCTURE CLOSER TO THAT OF TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. KATIKAZA FELT THAT THIS WAS COINCIDENTAL AND THAT IN FACT, IF ANYTHING, TANZANIA WAS NOW LAGGING BEHIND ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. HE EXPLAINED THAT JUST A YEAR AGO WHEN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS VISITING TANZANIA ON SABA SABA DADOM HAD HEARD KAUNDA STATE THAT HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT ZAMBIA COULD NOT REACH THE GOAL OF "HUMANISM" WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE PHASE OF "SOCIALISM". KATIKAZA THOUGHT THAT KAUNDA HAD MADE UP HIS MIND THEN BUT HAD WAITED UNTIL RECENTLY TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION.

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